

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 541

By Womack

A RESOLUTION to commend Myrtle Lord for being a Kappa  
Alpha Psi Community Service Award Recipient.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specifically recognize those public servants who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Myrtle Lord is one such estimable person who evinces integrity and compassion in all her chosen endeavors; she will receive a Community Service Award from the Murfreesboro Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity on January 29, 2000; and

WHEREAS, a native of Rutherford County, Myrtle Lord is a highly respected member of her community, who was born to Luther and Catherine Glunton;and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure as a Rutherford County teacher, Myrtle Lord has distinguished herself as a citizen of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lord began her career in education as a student, at Bradley Academy, completed of her Bachelor of Science degree at Tennessee State University. She also studied at Fisk University, George Peabody College , the University of Michigan, and Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University;and

WHEREAS, Myrtle Lord's outstanding success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Myrtle Lord is a an extremely giving person who has devoted immeasurable amounts of time to the League of Women Voters, the Dynamic Social Club, the J.C. Beesley Humane Foundation, the Mid-Cumberland Community Agency, to Senior Citizens, Habitat for Humanity Participant, active NAACP member, Hospice; and

WHEREAS, she is the epitome of the dedicated public servant, exemplified by her participation as a Chairperson for the Building Committee of the Patterson Community Center; and

WHEREAS, this friend and neighbor of Rutherford County deservedly received the following honors for her distinguishable service: "Myrtle Glanton Lord Library" named in her honor, she was named Most Outstanding African-American Woman in the State of Tennessee in August, 1999 and received Recognition for her distinguished service in Murfreesboro City Schools, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lord's additional accomplishments include her membership at the Church of God, and her service as Church Treasurer, as Vice President of the "Bradley Academy Historical Association", and as a member of the 400 Block Club on Hancock Street; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Myrtle Lord is fortunate to share both love and companionship with her husband, John L. Lord ; and

WHEREAS, Myrtle Lord has also served as a Girl Scout Troop Leader, Coordinator for the Patterson Community Center, and as she humbly states, "I chopped cotton, picked cotton, for \$1 a day, and sometimes .75 a day. But I remember, he who learns and learns and does not know what he knows, is like a man who plows, and plows, and never sows," ;now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Myrtle Lord for receiving the Kappa Alpha Psi

Community Service Award, and for her honorable service to the good people of Tennessee, particularly its children, and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.